GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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USE OF NATURAL MINERALS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared any specific programme for judicious use of natural minerals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (c): The Section 18 of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act., 1957, inter-alia, enjoins upon the Central Government to take all such steps as may be necessary for the conservation and systematic development of minerals in India. In accordance with this Section of the said Act, the Central Government have notified Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 1988 (MCDR) for conservation and systematic development of minerals.Mine owners are required to submit mining plan in accordance with the provisions of MCDR which takes into consideration the conservation of minerals, systematic development of mine, protection of environment etc. Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM)/State Governments approve the mining plan after careful scrutiny and monitor the working of mine as per the approved mining plan and suggest suitable steps as per MCDR. These steps taken by IBM/ State Governments may result in judicious utilization of minerals and also conservation/systematic development of the minerals.